

MARICOPA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTE BOOK

**INFORMAL SESSION
April 16, 2007**

The Board of Directors of Maricopa County Library District, Arizona convened in Formal Session at 10:00 a.m., April 16, 2007, in the Board of Supervisors' Auditorium, 205 W. Jefferson, Phoenix, Arizona, with the following members present: Fulton Brock, Chairman, District 1; Andrew Kunasek, Vice Chairman, District 3; Don Stapley, District 2; Max W. Wilson, District 4, and Mary Rose Wilcox, District 5. Also present: Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board; Liz Evans, Minutes Coordinator; David Smith, County Manager; Victoria Mangiapane, Deputy County Attorney. Votes of the Members will be recorded as follows: aye-nay-absent-abstain.

LIBRARY DISTRICT'S 5-YEAR PLAN

Item: Presentation of the Library District's 5-Year Plan and District Plan of Service 2007-2012 which was approved by the District's Citizen Advisory Committee on March 13, 2007. (C6507023M00) (ADM2800-003)

Harry Courtright, Library District Director

Harry Courtright introduced Cindy Kolosinski, Deputy Director and John Werbach, Finance Officer, from the Library District. Mr. Courtright told the Board that he wanted to give them an update on six items that had been discussed during the last review in May of 2005.

- Campbell building sale – The building has been sold to the Maricopa Community College Board for \$4 million, if approved at the April 18, 2007 Board meeting. Once the sale has closed, ownership and operation of the building will transfer to the College, and the Library District will continue to operate the approximately 10,000 foot library facility currently located in the building at no rental or utility costs until June 30, 2011.
- Southeast Regional Library (SERL) IGA (resolved) – The agreement has been extended for five years. At the end of five years, the Town of Gilbert will reimburse at 110% or 100% of the operational costs and 10% of overhead. This agreement also provides provisions for the operation of the Perry Branch which also reimburses all the operating costs from the Town of Gilbert.
- Electronic resources (cost to District, \$1.9 million) – Materials have been purchased and are being made available to all the public libraries in the County. As a result, the cost of providing those same resources to the rest of Arizona was picked up by the Arizona State Library and Pima County so that a statewide library resource system is now in place.
- Reciprocal Borrowing – Libraries are being reimbursed at a cost of \$29.00 each, for a total cost to the District of \$1.4 million.
- U of A Medical School partnership – There are no further developments on this project.
- Queen Creek Branch – This 47,000 square foot building is planned to open in late 2009, but only 16,000 square feet will be designated as the library facility.

New issues addressed by Mr. Courtright included updating the 2005-2007 Plan of Service for 2007-2012 to include language that addresses how to transition in situations where cities or towns have exceeded populations of over 50,000, have annexed or become incorporated. The new plan also addresses the treatment of Master Planned Communities in unincorporated county land by assessing a "Quality of Life" fee per dwelling unit to cover the cost of providing library services to those areas.

Mr. Courtright said "we would like you to consider adopting this document today or at a future meeting". Both Mr. Brock and Ms. McCarroll clarified that the item was presentation only and a vote was not

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scheduled.

Mr. Courtright went on to say that there had been a proposal for the construction of a library in Litchfield Park in which the City would pay for 20% of the cost if the County would fund the other 80%, with Litchfield donating the land. Mr. Courtright said that there had been discussion with the Parks Department about building a library at the entrance to White Tanks Park that would share space with a Visitor Center to the park. Mr. Courtright expressed concern about coming up with a proposal for White Tanks before a decision had been reached regarding Litchfield Park since it would be the first time that the County would be building a library in an incorporated city. Mr. Courtright stated that they would come up with a proposal for Litchfield at the Board's request.

Supervisor Wilson added that the rationale for the 20/80 split was that the library would serve about 20% of Litchfield Park residents and 80% unincorporated Maricopa County residents. Mr. Wilson said that the Litchfield Park City Council supported the proposal with a 6-1 vote.

Supervisor Kunasek asked whether the Gilbert and Chandler libraries were built in incorporated cities. Mr. Courtright responded that Gilbert and Chandler constructed the buildings and the County operated the libraries. He said that once the population of a city or town exceeds 50,000, operational costs are transitioned from the County to the municipality. Supervisor Wilson said that Litchfield Park is basically landlocked with very limited growth and is not expected to exceed the 50,000 population benchmark.

Supervisor Kunasek asked about what will happen to the charter school located at the Campbell Library and what the reciprocal arrangement with Phoenix is versus what the taxpayers pay Phoenix through taxes. Mr. Courtright responded that once the title transfers to Phoenix, the school's lease will transfer with it until the year 2013. The County will be paying Phoenix \$29.00 per person net or about \$300,000. Mr. Courtright said that he is unaware of what the tax revenues to Phoenix will be, but he will get that information.

Supervisor Wilcox commented that other municipalities were coming in with plans based on the original guidelines and it would not be fair to them if something different was done in Litchfield Park. Supervisor Wilson responded that Litchfield did build the existing library but the building is not in good shape and needs to be replaced. He also said that the library has serviced the entire community for over 40 years. Supervisor Wilcox said she would expect a lot of opposition if the Board made this arrangement with Litchfield and not with other municipalities. Chairman Brock suggested that maybe some other arrangement could be made that would be acceptable. Supervisor Kunasek asked if Litchfield Park runs the library but 80% of its users are unincorporated Maricopa County, does the County pay Litchfield \$29.00 per user? Mr. Courtright said yes, but they deduct the Litchfield Park residents who go elsewhere.

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MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Fulton Brock, Chairman of the Board

Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board